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For: **DIAGNOSTIC SEQUENCING BY A  
COMBINATION OF SPECIFIC CLEAVAGE  
AND MASS SPECTROMETRY**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 24, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2003 (Paper No. 17). A response is due on July 24, 2003 by virtue of the attached fee and petition for a three-month extension of time to respond. No other fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the present paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

**Amendments to the Specification.** There are **no** amendments to the specification.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.